

Getting started

After loading (see instructions below), select your starting level of difficulty. The higher the number, the greater the rewards, but the harder the task.

Playing Tetris

A variety of differently shaped blocks fall, one by one, from the top of the screen, or playfield. You can manipulate these shapes left/right and rotate them before they land at the bottom of the playfield.

The idea is to create complete horizontal lines of blocks across the playfield. When one of these unbroken lines is completed it disappears, and any blocks above fall into the now vacant area.

Objective

Your aim is to create as many complete lines as possible. If you leave gaps, the playfield will fill up rapidly, leaving you less room to manoeuvre. Should the pile of blocks reach the top of the screen, the game ends.

The show key displays the shape of the block that will fall after the current block has landed – useful for formulating your optimum strategy.

The rate at which the blocks fall speeds up automatically as your score increases.

Spectrum

(H) High Score
(O) Options
Space Play
(J) Joystick

(Q) Quit
(S) Show Next
(I) Left
(P) Right
(O) Rotate
Space Drop
(Y) Speed up

Amstrad

Loading
PCW: Boot CP/M. At A>, type Tetris.
CPC: (S) Sound (J) Joystick
Type Run Tetris.

(1) Show Next
(4)/Space Drop
(6) Speed Up
(7) Left
(8) Rotate
(9) Right
Numeric keypad or keys

Commodore 64 (and C128 in 64 mode)

Joystick only. Up = pause

Down = drop

Fire = rotate

BBC

Loading

Press Shift and Break keys

(<)	Left
(>)	Right
Space	Rotate
(X)	Show next
(A)	Speed up
(Z)	Drop
(S)	Sound

MSX

Load "Cas:", R

Control keys as BBC version

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